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South Beach Community Meeting June 23rd, 2003

The Neighborhood Services South Beach District Meeting was held on Monday, June 23rd, 2003 at the Police Station on Washington Ave. Approximately 35 residents were in attendance. Representatives from Public Works, Code Compliance, Parks, Parking, CIP and Police were in attendance as well as Commissioner Bower. The meeting was facilitated by Bob Middaugh Assistant City Manager and staffed by Caroline DeFreze, South Beach Community Resource Coordinator; Neighborhood Services Dept. The following issues were identified as priorities for South Beach by those in attendance;

1. **Police Protection** – Residents requested information as to the extent of Police protection in the area South of Fifth Street.

The residents were informed that "Operation Clean Sweep" was an initiative through the Police Department which focused on public disorder from April 16 – June 21. The initiative was by request of the City Commission following a South Beach community meeting whereby residents had expressed concern over these quality of life issues south of fifth street. Officers were directed to focus their attention on public disorder issues. Training on Quality of life issues was provided to the task force members by the police department. The Police Department partnered with the State Attorney's Office and local judges to elicit support of the plan. Message boards were used on the causeways to let visitors to the beach know about the crackdown on public disorder crimes such as loud radio and open alcoholic containers. The task force was staffed by officers from each platoon in the patrol division and the Criminal Investigations Division. The Motor Unit, a key component to the

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**Water & Sewer
Streets
Sidewalks
Streetlights
Storm water**
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305-592-3580

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305-442-8770

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operation participated on Friday and Saturday nights and on Sunday afternoon. Operation Clean Sweep's nine week period of directed enforcement action resulted in positive strides being undertaken to address public disorder issues and the Chief will be committing a squad of 7 bicycle officers and a sergeant whose primary duty will be to sustain the initiative.

General statistics show that Crime is down 35% since last year. The following statistics were compiled by the Police Department during Operation Clean Sweep:

Operation Clean Sweep
April 16—June 21

Total Arrests 617 Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loud Radio 41• Open Alcoholic Container 99• Urinating in Public 22• Prostitution 85• Driving While License Suspended 53	Total Citations 3,657 Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loud Radio 552• Illegal Window Tint 713• Driving While License Suspended 141• Loud Motorcycle Exhaust 22
Parking Citations 63	Towed Vehicles 108

2. **Bay Walk Updatet** – Concerns related to the development of the Alaska parcel – Residents were informed of the RDA workshops on July 1st and 15th. Architect Alex Cooper will be presenting options for the development of the parcel and encouraging public involvement to determine what the needs of the area are.
3. **Homeless** –The residents were informed of a new panhandling ordinance that has recently been adopted by the commission allowing for severe penalties for panhandlers in the business districts of Ocean Drive, Lincoln Road and some other business areas.

Resident's guide to local services – Pick up your new resource guide!

The new residents' guide has all kinds of information and resources on the City of Miami Beach – everything from the history of our wonderful city to how to obtain a bus pass. The guide contains information on how to get trash picked up and where to find the most interesting Art on the beach. It is available in English and in Spanish.

The Miami Beach Residents' Guide can be pick up at the Miami Beach Public Library or call the Community Resource & Outreach Team at 305-673-7580.

City Places Central Parking Pay Stations to the Test

In the continuing efforts to improve the City's parking systems, the City of Miami Beach Parking Department will begin testing a new payment method for parking. The new "Pay and Display" Central Pay Stations will be installed for 90 days beginning in mid-to-late January on Ocean Drive between 7 and 10 streets and at the NE 17 Street and Meridian Avenue parking lot.

The City expects the new system will reduce maintenance costs and collection time, improve street aesthetics and provide an audit report per collection. The new system also accepts bills and credit cards, in addition to coins enhancing customer convenience.

During the testing period, existing meters will be removed and signage will be installed throughout the areas to provide notification of where parking payment is to be made. Signs will read, "Please pay parking at pay station" with directional arrows. The pay station will provide instructions on how to apply proper payment.

For more information, contact the Parking Department at 305-673-PARK.

